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SUBJECT: REMOVAL OF COMBAT AIRCRAFT FROM VIENTIANE ${\tt AND\; LUANG\; PRABANG}$

1. OFFICIAL LAO PRESSE, MARCH 8, REPORTED THAT 15TH MEETING OF JOINT CENTRAL COMMISSION YESTERDAY TOOK CERTAIN DECISIONS REARDING SUBJECT.

- 2. EMBOFF CALLED TODAY ON RLG DEL CHIEF SOUKAN AND ASKED ABOUT SUBJECT. SOUKAN SAID HE HAD SECURED PATHET LAO APPROVAL YESTERDAY TO PERMIT T-28 FIGHTER BOMBERS TO REMAIN "TEMPORARILY" AT WATTAY AIRPORT UNDER FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:
- $\hbox{(A) THEY WOULD NOT OVERFLY VIENTIANE CITY;}\\$
- (B) THEY WOULD NOT BE ARMED OR CARRY BOMBS; AND
- (C) THEY WOULD FILE FLIGHT PLANS WITH JOINT COMMISSION FOR TRAINING EXERCISES.
- 3. SOUKAN SAID PATHET LAO WAS RELATIVELY RELAXED ABOUT THIS CONCESSION, BUT HE HAD HAD TO PROMISE THEM IN RETURN THAT LISTS OF RLG MILITARY PERSONNAL WHO WOULD REMAIN IN CONFIDENTIAL

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VIENTIANE AFTER NEUTRALIZATION WOULD BE FORTHCOMING WITHIN

ONE WEEK.

4. SOUKAN SAID PATHET LAO REP DID NOT PRESS FOR SPECIFIC LATER DATE WHEN T-28S HAD TO BE REMOVED. SOME WEEKS AGO, PATHET LAO PLENIPOTENTIARY TOLD ARMA THAT QUESTION OF DATE OF REMOVAL WAS NOT AN IMPORTANT ONE. WHITEHOUSE

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